

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action dated January 9, 2006, a restriction has been made to the following two groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-20 and 47 are drawn to “Implantable devices with coating matrix”, classified in class 604, subclass 93.01; and
- II. Claims 21-46, drawn to “Methods of manufacture”, classified in class 424, subclass 424.

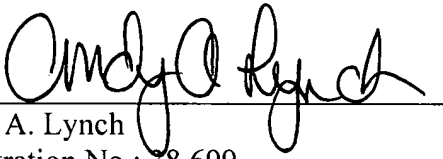
Applicant hereby elects Group II, Claims 21-46.

CONCLUSION

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3100.

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Respectfully submitted,

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